ABMS/NPSF ISSUE JOINT CALL FOR PATIENT SAFETY ACTIVITIES

ABMS MOC Directory aims to increase diplomates’ access to practice-relevant Patient Safety Activities and earn MOC Credit.

Chicago, IL – June 13, 2016 – The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), a leading organization that oversees physician Board Certification and the ABMS Program for Maintenance of Certification (ABMS MOC®) in the United States and the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF), a central voice for patient safety since 1997, have issued a joint call for patient safety activities to enrich the ABMS MOC Directory, powered by MedEdPORTAL (MOC Directory). The Joint Call for Patient Safety Activities encourages members of the continuing medical education (CME), patient safety, and quality improvement communities to submit web-based, accredited educational activities that address specialty and practice specific safety priorities.

Since its launch in October, 2015 the MOC Directory has continued to grow, and now indexes more than 350 CME MOC activities for ABMS Member Board diplomates. The MOC Directory offers Board Certified physicians access to a comprehensive, centralized repository of approved MOC activities across medical specialties and subspecialties. The MOC Directory also has been embraced by CME providers as its common submission form offers a simple way for providers to submit and receive approval(s) for MOC credit.

Activities sought in the joint ABMS/NPSF call include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Safe and effective diagnoses
- Diagnostic pitfalls
- Safety in the ambulatory care setting
- Engaging the team in diagnostic accuracy
- Engaging patients and families
Accredited CME activities that satisfy ABMS Member Boards’ MOC requirements for Lifelong Learning (Part II), Lifelong Learning - Self-Assessment (Part II - SA), or Improvement in Medical Practice (Part IV) are eligible for submission. Approved practice-relevant safety activities will integrate the core competencies defined by ABMS and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and meet the needs of diplomates of one or more Member Boards. All approvals will be determined by the Member Boards.

The joint call for activities represents another in a host of collaborative efforts between ABMS and NPSF aimed at enhancing awareness of and access to practice-relevant patient safety programming. The two organizations recently partnered to host a Summit on Certification and Diagnostic Accuracy. The NPSF Online Patient Safety Curriculum was the first foundational MOC safety education program to be approved by ABMS Member Boards. In addition, ABMS has recently approved the NPSF online educational module entitled “Patient Blood Management through the Lens of Patient Safety” as a new offering in the MOC Directory.

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